WHEREAS, The vast majority of youth are concerned, knowledgeable and responsible citizens; and,

WHEREAS, The accomplishments and achievements of these young citizens deserve recognition and praise of their elders; and,

WHEREAS, Optimist International has for the past twenty six years promoted and conducted a program entitled Youth Appreciation Week, which this year is to be observed November 13 - 19; and,

WHEREAS, The citizens of South Dakota have indicated a desire to join with the Optimists in expression of appreciation and approval for the contributions of youth:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RICHARD F. KNEIP, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim the week of November 13 - 19, 1977, as

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in South Dakota, and by this action let it be known that we have faith in the ability of today's youth as they assume responsible roles in the future of mankind.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Fifteenth Day of November, in the Year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Seventy-Seven

RICHARD F. KNEIP, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

LORNA B. HERSETH, SECRETARY OF STATE